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FAC Spotlight: Surplus Property

Everything goes

Each year the Division of Surplus Properties conducts multiple public auctions and spot bid sales of miscellaneous state-owned property. On average there are six of each type sale annually.

According to Donovan Murphy, program coordinator, he sees everything come through surplus. "You can just call me 'General Trash Man', he said."

Live auctions may be held in different locations depending on the surplus property being sold.

This week Fleet Management had its annual sale at the state garage on Barrett Avenue. The week prior, Fish and Wildlife had a sale at its headquarters at the Salato Center.



Most spot bid sales are held at Division of Surplus Property, 999 Chenault Road, Frankfort, Ky. Sales are typically scheduled on the first or second Wednesday of a month on an "as needed" basis.

"Surplus Property maintains an email distribution list that has nearly 6,000 subscribers," Murphy said. "Email, along with Facebook and Twitter, are ways that we get the word out about upcoming sales."

To sign up to receive notifications, go to the public auction page on the Finance website, <http://finance.ky.gov/services/surplus/Pages/publicauctions.aspx>, and click on the red envelope in the upper right hand corner.

Or follow Surplus Property on Facebook at [facebook.com/kysurplus.property](https://www.facebook.com/kysurplus.property) or Twitter at twitter.com/KySurplus.

"It's amazing, some of the things that agencies bring to surplus," said Murphy. "Sometimes it's a journey back in time."

Are You the Next Entrepreneur?

Six business skills needed to run your own company

Small businesses are the backbone of Kentucky's economy. Kentucky's 350,000 small businesses employ nearly three quarters of a million people statewide.

To celebrate the importance of small businesses, this week the Commonwealth is participating in the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week, by honoring entrepreneurs throughout the state.

"A great idea can come from anyone," said Governor Steve Beshear. "Kentucky offers many great programs and resources to help entrepreneurs turn their dreams into full-fledged businesses. I want to pay tribute to small business owners throughout the Commonwealth and thank them for creating jobs and driving innovation in our state."

Do you have the characteristics to become the next entrepreneur? According to the Kentucky Small Business Administration, here are the six qualities of successful small business owners:

Comfortable with taking risks: Being your own boss also means you're the one making tough decisions. Do you enjoy the thrill of taking calculated risks?

Independent: Entrepreneurs have to make a lot of decisions on their own. If you find you can trust your instincts, you could be on your way to being an entrepreneur.

Persuasive: If you enjoy public speaking, engage new people with ease and make compelling arguments grounded in facts, it's likely you're poised to make your idea succeed.

Able to negotiate: Polished negotiation skills will help you save money and keep your business running smoothly.

Creative: Are you able to generate new ideas or think of new ways of doing things? If you have insights on how to take advantage of new opportunities, entrepreneurship may be a good fit.

Supported by others: Before starting a business, you need a strong support system in place. It's important to have a business mentor, someone who is experienced, successful and willing to provide advice and guidance.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development offers the support entrepreneurs need. Last year, Gov. Beshear created the Office of Entrepreneurship within the Cabinet with the goal of creating and promoting a strong culture of entrepreneurship.

The Cabinet also oversees the Kentucky Innovation Network. Consisting of 13 offices throughout the state, the Kentucky Innovation Network helps entrepreneurs and small businesses through business assessment, development and ultimately capitalization.

Learn more about how the Cabinet can help you grow your business [here](#).

Fleet Surplus Vehicle Sale Totals 308K+

Nearly 250 bidders vied for 153 vehicles or pallets of tires at the fleet surplus vehicle auction on Tuesday.

The cheapest car was a non-runner—a 2003 Ford Taurus that sold for \$350. The cheapest runner was a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria at \$900. The highest price vehicle was a 2002 Dodge Maxiwagon Van that went for \$5,500.



Photos L-R: Vehicles queued up. Spotter trying to get people to bid higher. Don't get in a fender-bender with this guy!

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

National Hepatitis Testing Day is May 19

The month of May has been designated as Hepatitis Awareness Month, and May 19 is designated as National Hepatitis Testing Day in the United States. CDC and state and local health departments use Hepatitis Awareness Month and the National Hepatitis Testing Day as an opportunity to remind health care providers and the public about the priority populations that should be tested for chronic viral hepatitis. Millions of Americans have chronic viral hepatitis; most of them do not know they are infected.

Hepatitis" means inflammation of the liver and also refers to a group of viral infections that affect the liver. Hepatitis is most often caused by a virus—the most common types are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C. Viral hepatitis is the leading cause of liver cancer and the most common reason for liver transplantation. Both hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections can result in chronic hepatitis that may lead to chronic illness, cirrhosis of the liver, and liver cancer.

The ABCs of Viral Hepatitis is a one page fact sheet from the CDC about hepatitis A, B, and C virus infections, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/docs/ABC-Viral-Hepatitis.pdf>.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health recommends that all state employees and their family members take an anonymous 5-minute online hepatitis risk assessment, <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/RiskAssessment/>. This assessment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is designed to determine an individual's risk for viral hepatitis. The assessment asks questions based upon CDC's guidelines for hepatitis testing and vaccination. A personalized report can be printed and shared with an individual's medical provider.

Primary Election-May 20, 2014

Kentucky's primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. There are candidates of each political party seeking statewide office on the primary ballot. Any registered voter, whether registered as a

member of a party, political organization, political group, or as an independent, shall be qualified to vote in primary elections for candidates listed in all nonpartisan races.

To view a sample ballot that will include the state and local races, go to the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ky.gov.



In accordance with Section 148 of the Kentucky Constitution, KRS 118.035 and the voting leave regulations, 101 KAR 2:102, Section 7 and 101 KAR 3:015, Section 7, all employees who are entitled to vote, who are otherwise scheduled to work during the hours that the polls are open, and who request leave in advance shall be granted four (4) hours of voting leave to cast their vote. Employees voting absentee may be granted this leave if a request is made in advance of the day they appear before the clerk to apply for the absentee ballot, except as noted below.

KRS 118.035 states that any qualified voter who exercises their right to voting leave but fails to vote under circumstances that did not prevent them from voting may be subject to disciplinary action. An employee appointed to serve as an Election Officer may receive voting leave not to exceed a total of seven and one-half (7.5) hours (based on a 37.5 hour work week) or eight (8) hours (based on a 40 hour work week) for a designated election to attend training and for service as an Election Officer, provided that such leave is requested and approved in advance.